

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2339  
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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: SOPN, UR, US, PFOR  
SUBJECT: MFA/PRESS - WP OSNOS MEETING

1. WASHINGTON POST BUREAU CHIEF PETER OSNOS WAS CALLED TO MFA PRESS OFFICE AT 1600 HOURS DECEMBER 21 AND READ WHAT HE DESCRIBES AS A "TOUGH, STERN WARNING." VITALIY ZHAROVLOV, WHO DESCRIBED HIMSELF SIMPLY AS AN "EXPERT" ON PRESS MATTERS, READ IN RUSSIAN FROM A PREPARED TEXT WHICH ACCUSED OSNOS OF BEING "SYSTEMATICALLY AND RUDELY ANTI-SOVIET," OF BEING "OFFENSIVE" ABOUT SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS, OF SPREADING "ENMITY AND DISBELIEF IN THE SOVIET UNION," WHEREAS, ACCORDING TO ZHAROVLOV, A NEWSPAPERMAN SHOULD STRIVE TO BETTER US-USSR RELATIONS. "THERE IS NO DOUBT," ZHAROVLOV'S TEXT CONCLUDED, "THAT CONTINUATION OF THIS ACTIVITY CANNOT BUT LEAD TO DEFINITE CONSEQUENCES."

2. ZHAROVLOV WOULD NOT GIVE OSNOS A COPY OF THE TEXT FROM WHICH HE READ, NOR WOULD HE OFFER SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF THE OFFENSES ALLEGED.

3. OSNOS WILL NOT INFORM HIS MOSCOW COLLEAGUES OF THE ABOVE.  
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EMBASSY ASKS DEPARTMENT HONOR HIS REQUEST FOR CONTACT WITH HIS HOME OFFICE ONLY. WOULD APPRECIATE WORD ON WASHINGTON POST REACTION.

4. OSNOS DEPARTS MOSCOW TOMORROW FOR LEAVE IN LONDON, WHERE WIFE NOW AWAITS BIRTH SECOND CHILD. EXPECTED RETURN ON

JANUARY 10, 1977. MATLOCK

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